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SPECTROMETRY

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the accompanying application as follows.

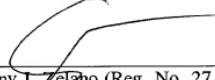
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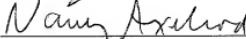
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REMARKS

The assignee qualifies for small-entity status for the purpose of paying reduced fees.

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